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### Revisions to labour force estimates

Revised employment and unemployment statistics were released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The revisions follow the regular analysis of seasonal factors undertaken by the ABS and affect seasonally adjusted and trend data.

The analysis of seasonal factors incorporates the most recent 12 months of labour force data, to produce revised seasonal factors for various data series. Consequently, revisions may occur for estimates prior to February 1998.

Revised monthly seasonally adjusted estimates of employment and the unemployment rate for the period January 1997 to January 1998 are:

	Employment ('000)		Unemployment rate (%)	
	As published	As revised	As published	As revised
Jan 97	8425.1	8422.9	8.6	8.6
Feb	8417.9	8416.0	8.8	8.8
Mar	8384.0	8385.8	8.7	8.7
Apr	8421.1	8407.8	8.7	8.7
May	8380.8	8388.6	8.8	8.8
Jun	8392.7	8396.1	8.5	8.5
Jul	8414.0	8414.2	8.7	8.7
Aug	8375.9	8388.8	8.7	8.7
Sep	8450.6	8447.0	8.6	8.5
Oct	8450.4	8460.3	8.4	8.4
Nov	8521.2	8507.2	8.4	8.4
Dec	8515.2	8514.0	8.1	8.2
Jan 98	8517.6	8514.6	8.2	8.1

The ABS will publish revised data in **Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary** (cat. no. 6202.0) to be released on 12 March 1998, and in **Labour Force, Australia** (cat. no. 6203.0) towards the end of March 1997.

These data will be available on the ABS's electronic data service **PC-Ausstats** from 5 March 1998 and are also available on request from the Labour Force Section as a special data service.

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